

Lesson 1

Neural Network Parameters: Weights and Biases

Quick Reviewer

- Weights
 - Adjust Strength: Modify the influence of one neuron on another.
 - Initialization: Random or planned.
 - Learning: Optimized during training using gradient descent.
- Biases
 - Shift Activation: Allows for better fitting of the model by adjusting the function.
 - Initialization: Random.
 - Learning: Refined during training to improve accuracy.
- Non-Linear Functions
 - Purpose: Add complexity to the model.
 - Impact: Enable the network to learn and represent intricate patterns.
 - Examples: ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit), Sigmoid, Tanh.

Neural Network Training: Forward Propagation vs. Backward Propagation

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Neural Network Training
— Forward Propagation
  — Compute output
   Process: Input -> Layers -> Weights -> Biases -> Activation Functions
   └─ Use: Making predictions
— Backward Propagation
  ├─ Update parameters
   Process: Calculate gradients -> Propagate backwards -> Update weights/biases
   └─ Use: Training the network

   Gradient Descent

   ├─ Optimize network
   ├── Process: Calculate gradient -> Adjust parameters -> Minimize loss
   └─ Types: SGD, Mini-batch Gradient Descent

   Loss Function

   - Measure performance
   — Quantifies error between predictions and actual values
   └─ Guides optimization to reduce error
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Forward Propagation

- What: Computes network output.
- How: Data → Layers → Weights/Biases → Activation Functions.
- When: For making predictions.

• Backward Propagation

- What: Updates weights and biases.
- $\circ \ \ \textbf{How} \hbox{: } \textbf{Calculate gradients} \ \Rightarrow \textbf{Backward propagation} \ \Rightarrow \textbf{Update parameters}.$
- When: During training to minimize error.

Gradient Descent

- What: Optimization algorithm.
- $\circ \ \ \textbf{How} \hbox{: Compute gradient} \ \rightarrow \ \text{Adjust parameters} \ \rightarrow \ \text{Minimize loss}.$
- Goal: Improve model accuracy.

Loss Function

- What: Measures prediction accuracy.
- How: Quantifies difference between predicted and actual values.
- **Role**: Guides training to reduce errors.

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